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ITS IMAGE, E.G., RELEASING MORE INTERNEES, BUT THERE ARE INDICATIONS IT INTENDS TO CONTINUE SOME OF THE MORE ONEROUS ELEMENTS OF MARTIAL LAW. MEANWHILE, THE REGIME CONTINUES ITS POLICY OF MIXING REPRESSION AND BLANDISHMENTS. THE LIFTING OF THE OVERNIGHT CURFEW ON JULY 8 IN WROCLAW, THE LAST MAJOR CITY SUBJECT TO SUCH RESTRICTION, WAS FOLLOWED ON JULY 11 BY THE ARREST OF SEVEN MEMBERS OF SOLIDARITY'S UNDERGROUND RADIO STAFF. NEGOTIATIONS REMAIN TANGLED BETWEEN THE REGIME AND THE POLISH EPISCOPATE AND POPE ON THE CONDITIONS FOR A VISIT BY POPE JOHN PAUL II IN CONNECTION WITH THE 600TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BLACK MADONNA, POLAND'S HOLIEST ICON, AT THE JASNA

GORA MONASTERY IN CZESTOCHOWA. THE RESULTS OF A PARTY PLENUM, SCHEDULED FOR JULY 15-16, MAY SHED FURTHER LIGHT ON THESE PENDING ISSUES.

2. (C/NF) A HIGHLY PLACED WRON (MILITARY COUNCIL) OFFICIAL HAS POINTED TO JULY 22 AS THE OCCASION FOR AN IMPORTANT REGIME DECISION CONCERNING MARTIAL LAW. IN A RECENT INTERVIEW WITH JAPANESE NEWSMEN, JARUZELSKI AIDE, MAJOR GORNICKI, AVOIDED SPECIFICS BUT INDICATED THAT NORMALIZATION WAS A LONG PROCESS AND THAT THE "NEXT STEP" WOULD FURTHER EASE RESTRAINTS. WHILE NEWLY-APPOINTED POZNAN PARTY FIRST SECRETARY LUKASIK CLAIMED THAT MARTIAL LAW WAS OVER FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES AND THAT ALL REMAINING INTERNEES WOULD BE RELEASED THIS MONTH, POLITBURO MEMBER ORZECOWSKI EMPHASIZED THAT CERTAIN ASPECTS OF MARTIAL LAW WOULD ENDURE FOR SOME TIME, NAMELY: (A) THE MILITARIZATION OF SOME FACTORIES; (B) THE SUSPENSION OF THE RIGHT TO STRIKE; (C) THE USE OF SPECIAL COURTS; (D) THE OPERATION OF CENSORSHIP; AND (E) THE PROVISION FOR INTERNMENT. ORZECOWSKI SAID THAT 496 INTERNEES HAD INDICATED A DESIRE TO EMIGRATE TO THE WEST--THE FIRST SUCH REPORT FROM A HIGH POLISH SOURCE--AND THAT 227 PASSPORTS WERE CONSEQUENTLY APPROVED. MOSCOW'S CONTINUING CONCERN OVER SOLIDARITY'S RESIDUAL STRENGTH AND ACTIVITIES WAS REFLECTED BY RECENT SHARP ATTACKS BY TASS, SOME OF WHICH POINTED TO THE "PROVOCATIVE INTERVIEWS" OF SOLIDARITY ACTIVISTS WHO OPENLY CALLED FOR THE CREATION OF A "COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY" UNDERGROUND.

3. (C/NF) AT LEAST ONE REGIME OFFICIAL, MINISTER FOR RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS LOPATKA, HAS CATEGORICALLY RULED OUT A PAPAL VISIT IN AUGUST. HE POINTED TO THE ABSENCE OF PREPARATIONS AND HIS INTERPRETATION OF THE RECENT COMMUNIQUE OF THE CONFERENCE OF BISHOPS AS TACIT ACCEPTANCE OF A POSTPONEMENT. OTHER STATE AND CHURCH OFFICIALS HAVE ALSO IMPLIED A POSTPONEMENT. SIMILARLY, MAJOR GORNICKI STATED THAT THE VISIT WOULD "SURELY BE REALIZED," BUT THAT THE CONDITIONS WERE NOT YET CLARIFIED. ON HIS RETURN FROM THE VATICAN, POLISH ARCHBISHOP MACHARSKI SAID THAT POLISH PRIMATE GLEMP COULD BE EXPECTED TO ISSUE A STATEMENT ON A PAPAL VISIT, FOLLOWING HIS OWN RETURN FROM ROME. GLEMP'S ARRIVAL IN POLAND, ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED O/A JULY 20, HAS REPORTEDLY BEEN SET BACK UNTIL AFTER THE JULY 22 HOLIDAY, AT THE POPE'S REQUEST. A RECENT TASS ARTICLE

UNDERScoreD MOSCOW'S OPPOSITION TO A PAPAL VISIT; THE SOVIETS ALMOST CERTAINLY ARE PRESSING WARSAW NOT TO ALLOW THE VISIT AT THIS TIME. STOESEL
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